

South Yorkshire Federation of WIs

BELVOIR CASTLE

NEW DATE:

MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2021



We are very pleased to confirm our trip to Belvoir Castle. If you didn't apply to go the first time, it isn't too late, so please book with your WI Secretary.

The cost of this full day out is £30 which includes coach travel from either Doncaster or Sheffield, entry to the gardens and lakes, and a guided tour of the Castle.

Belvoir Castle is located near Grantham, Leicestershire and is a great place to visit. It dates back to the 11th Century and is

the ancestral home of the Duke of Rutland, where the family have lived in an unbroken line for almost 1000 years. There is also plenty of retail therapy opportunities too in the Engine Yard Retail Park! Local food, artisan shopping and the best of country living from the latest fashions and accessories to homewares, crafts and toys. There is also a restaurant and tea room.

Due to the nature of the property disabled access is unfortunately limited, however, the Castle ground floor is accessible without ramps or slopes. The entrance door is 80cm wide. Wheelchair users may access the Guard room, Portico, Castle kitchens, Pastry room, Gift shop and Tea rooms. There is no lift inside.



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Zoom Speakers for June are:-

**LIFE BELOW STAIRS - memoirs
of my late mother working as a
housemaid in a stately home in
the 1930s
by Daphne Atkinson
Thursday 10 June at 7 pm**



Please join us for an insight of what life was like for a Housemaid in the 1930's. This talk is based on the memoirs written by Daphne's late mother and her experiences of working in a Stately Home in Suffolk and some History about the place.

**RESOLUTIONS MEETING
A call to Increase Awareness of the
Subtle Signs of Ovarian Cancer
Kate Stannard, Community
Fundraising Manager Target Ovarian Cancer
Thursday 24 June at 7 pm**



The Resolution to be discussed at this year's NFWI Annual Meeting is "a call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer". Come and listen to Kate Stannard, Community Fundraising Manager from Target Ovarian Cancer, the UK's leading ovarian cancer charity. This charity works across all 4 nations of the UK to improve early diagnosis, fund research and provide support to women with ovarian cancer and their families. Learn more about this issue to better inform your voting decision. The deadline for WIs to vote on this resolution is Friday 9 July 2021.

BOTH EVENTS ARE £3 FOR SOUTH YORKSHIRE WI MEMBERS AND £4 NON SY MEMBERS

ONLY 100 PLACES AVAILABLE ON EACH EVENT - FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS

WI Secretaries to email the Federation Office with the number of members wishing to attend from their WI for each event. They will then be sent Zoom joining/login details. Payment to be made by BACS transfer (preferred) or cheque made payable to SYFWI to be received prior to the event.

Dear Fellow WI Members,

Welcome to another year of WI friendship and companionship. The Board of Trustees are pleased that so many of you have renewed your Membership with your WI. Unfortunately not all our WIs have managed to survive this last year with the lack of meetings, events and activities. We have had to Suspend 7 WIs.

Bad news I hope does not come in threes as we have to report that Hall Cross Cottage – our Federation Headquarters was burgled at the end of April. Substantial damage has occurred and the theft of the Safe from the office has caused quite a problem for us. Fortunately no one was in the office at the time so no one was injured.

Let us hope we can look forward to a better time when things will start to improve.

Best wishes

Dorothy Meekins - Federation Chairman

OFFICE & FINANCE

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50/50 CLUB DRAW - CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Winning £9 No 16 - Jean Thornton, Wath upon Dearne WI

Winning £9 No 44 - Sandra Roberts, Wentworth WI

Winning £9 No 51 - Janet Cocking, Todwick WI

MEMBERSHIP

Dorothy Meekins: meekins.dorothy@gmail.com

Members Subscriptions should now have all been paid in April and so please can your MCS Rep please check that your MCS Records are up to date. If members have not paid their Subscriptions by now they are no longer members of the WI. Each year there is quite a discrepancy between the members who are listed on the MCS and those who have actually paid their Subscriptions. Please check your records and if you need any help please contact Kirsty who will gladly give you a helping hand.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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It is still the Committee's intention to hold **International Day in June 2022**.

The Committee could not have known how relevant to all our members the environmental theme of the day would be. Considering our experiences over the last 14 months it could not be more fitting. How many of us have sought solace and stress-relief by taking our daily exercise in local green spaces or pottering in the garden?

A variety of speakers, headlined by weatherman **Paul Hudson**, have graciously changed their diaries to accommodate our event and we look forward to welcoming speakers from Yorkshire Water and Yorkshire Wildlife Trust among others. Above all, though, this will be an opportunity to meet socially and renew acquaintances whilst enjoying a hot meal, served at the table.

Full details will be announced once everything can be finalised following the lifting of restrictions.

In the meantime, stay safe and enjoy the benefits your local environment has to offer.

Best wishes from the Public Affairs Committee.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS/CLIMATE AMBASSADORS

THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

18 – 26 September 2021

This will be a national week of events celebrating action on climate change. The WI will be joining with other members of the Climate Coalition to organise events during Great Big Green Week. The aim is to highlight climate change and nature ahead of the United Nations conference on Climate Change (COP26) in Glasgow in November and put pressure on world governments to commit to positive action.

The focus is on community based events and activities (big and small) and individual WIs are invited to take part in a way that suits them and their community. Ideas include litter picks, planting seeds or bulbs, clothes swaps, recycled crafting, plant swaps, park clean ups, grow your own food initiatives, community stalls, or writing to your local MP or Councillors. It's up to you! Obviously some of these may depend on any Covid restrictions/guidelines in place in September.

Choose whatever suits your WI group – you could invite local Councillors and your MP to your event and publicise what you are doing and why. How can you make your area a cleaner, greener place to live?

The Public Affairs Sub Committee would love to hear what you come up with and see photos of your events. For more information go to www.greatbiggreenweek.com.

GREYSTONES WI

The women from Greystones WI, Sheffield decided this Easter that they would like to support the wonderful Baby Basics Charity in Sheffield once again but this time in a different way. The Charity does fantastic work gathering and disseminating basic supplies and baby equipment for women who are about to give birth or have recently given birth and find themselves in difficult circumstances.

We as a WI have supported this charity previously but liked the idea of 'women supporting women' and we decided to put together bags of basic toiletry items for the mothers this time. We used netty bags to pack them in as some women are living in temporary accommodation and storage can be difficult. The staff at Baby Basics were delighted to receive these and loved the idea of the bags for mums.

We hope we can do regular collections of these packs and some members have already started dropping off breast pads, sanitary wear, shower gel and shampoos. All of which will be essential items and gratefully received.





MAY QUIZ ANSWERS BRITISH BIRDS

1. Peregrine
2. Grey Heron
3. Mallard
4. Chough
5. Cormorant
6. Yellowhammer
7. Brown (Tawny) Owl
8. Wigeon
9. Swift
10. Gannet
11. Turtle Dove
12. Goldfinch
13. Song Thrush
14. Wood Pigeon
15. Bittern
16. Kittiwake
17. Golden Eagle
18. Kestrel
19. Merlin
20. Pheasant
21. Blue Tit
22. Quail
23. Crow
24. Blackbird
25. Moorhen
26. Brent Goose
27. Manx Shearwater
28. Swallow
29. Starling
30. Robin

TREASURER'S CORNER **Treasurer's Helpline!**

Fingers crossed, we might be able to start our WI Meetings as soon as September. If you are like us, you have had very few transactions going through the WI Accounts for over 12 months. Some of you may have converted to using electronic banking for the first time!



If you feel a bit rusty, out of practice or have any questions - no matter how small? Ingrid and Anita will be happy to help Treasurers.

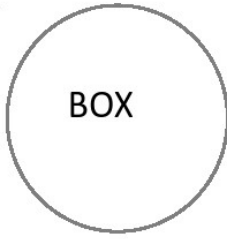
A Date for you Diary! We are also planning to host another dedicated Treasurer's ZOOM Get Together on Wednesday 8 September at 7.30 pm.

We are also happy to work with new Treasurers one to one – just get in touch.

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Anita Reynolds – email: anita.reynolds47@gmail.com Tel: 01142 301932 (leave message if no immediate answer)

MIND BOGGLING QUIZ

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RECIPE CORNER

This recipe was sent in by Janine Lishman-Peat of Thurlstone & Millhouse Green WI

Shakshuka

Most Mediterranean countries have a version of this, this is the Greek name.

Serves 2 (or 4 if adding potatoes/bread)

2 tsp oil
1 chopped onion
1 chopped garlic clove
1 sliced courgette
1 chopped red pepper
400g tin chopped tomatoes
1 tbsp tomato puree
1 tsp dried mixed herbs, or thyme or oregano
4 eggs
Salt and pepper

Method

Using a deep saute pan that you have a lid for, fry the onion, garlic, courgette and red pepper gently in the oil until all the vegetables are soft.

Add the other ingredients except the eggs and continue to cook until you have a thick sauce.

Make 4 wells in the mix and break an egg into each. I find it easiest to break the eggs into a ramekin dish first and make the wells one at a time. Put on the lid and leave to simmer until the eggs are to your liking, about 3 mins for soft, 5 mins for hard. Serve hot.

We eat very little starchy carbohydrate, so I serve this as it is, but you might like some crusty bread or new potatoes. If you use 160g of each of the fresh veg you will have had 4 of your 5 a day.

This can be varied to suit yourself, in Italy for example, they put the sauce through a blender so it's smooth and then poach the eggs in it, while in Spain they often add some chilli or cooked chorizo to the sauce.



COURSE/EVENT FEES AND/OR DEPOSITS WILL NOT BE RETURNED UNLESS CANCELLED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR RELEVANT SUB-COMMITTEE.

EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE	CLOSING DATE	PRICE
Life Below Stairs by Daphne Atkinson	Thurs 10 June @ 7 pm	Online Zoom		£3
Resolutions Meeting A call to Increase Awareness of the Subtle Signs of Ovarian Cancer	Thurs 24 June @ 7 pm	Online Zoom		£3
Fed. Annual Meeting	Sat 12 June @ 1 pm	Online Zoom		£7 Raffle tickets £1
Belvoir Castle	Mon 13 September	Belvoir Castle, Grantham NG32 1PA		£30

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO 'SYFWI'. Send completed Application for tickets to Hall Cross Cottage.